(d) the difficulties, if any, faced in implementing the existing schemes and upto what extent the new schemes are an improvement thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) ***Swayamsiddha***: Indira Mahila Yojana (IMY), which was being implemented in 238 blocks in the country, has been recast and expanded as Swayamsidha (IWEP), to be implemented in 650 blocks at a total cost of Rs. 116.30 crore. Swayamsiddha is an integrated scheme for women's empowerment. It is based on the formation of women into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and aims at the holistic empowerment of women through awareness generation, economic empowerment and convergence of various schemes.

Mahila Samriddhi Yojana (MSY) has been merged with Swayamsiddha.

It is envisaged to form 53,100 SHGs to benefit 9,29,250 women.

Swadhar: The Scheme is yet to be finalized.

(d) The operational cost of Mahila Samriddhi Yojana (MSY) was disproportionately higher than the cost on incentive intended for the beneficiaries. Thus, MSY, which aimed at encouraging thrift among women through tiny savings, has been merged with Swayamsiddha and one of the many objectives of Swayamsiddha, *viz.*, strengthening and institutionalizing the saving habit of rural women and their control over economic resources, would, to a large extent, cover the basic objective of inculcating thrift.

Whereas IMY had only provision for one component of Awareness Generation, Swayamsiddha has got provision for multiple components like Awareness Generation, Training, Community Assets, Convergence, Integration, etc.

IIT in Adilabad

2806. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister has recently written to the Prime Minister, requesting that an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) may be set up at Basara in Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether he has also offered to provide 1000 acres of land and all other infrastructure, including power, transport and telecommunication facilities therefor;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when decision in the matter would be conveyed to the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh has offered to provide the required land and all required help to set up IIT.

(c) The issue of opening of new IITs was discussed by the Task Force on HRD in IT set up by the Prime Minister. The Task Force has recommended that possibility of opening new IITs in the country could be explored so that quality technical education reaches larger number of students. Meanwhile, considering resource constraints and huge investment, other cost-effective options such as increase in students intake and upgradation of existing institutions is being facilitated.

(d) Government of India have already conveyed its views on the proposal to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

Urdu University

2807. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether progress regarding establishing Urdu University is going in accordance with the original schedule;

(b) if so, the major works completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):(a) to (c) According to the information provided by the Urdu University, the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has allotted 200 acres of land at Manikonda village free of cost for developing the campus. The land has been surveyed and four Bore-Wells with pump sets have been installed for water supply. The construction of boundary wall has been completed. While a multipurpose ground and three storied Administrative Block is under construction, a Camp-site office has been set-up in the vicinity of the Administrative Block of monitoring of construction activities. Temporary water and electricity supply has also been provided.